

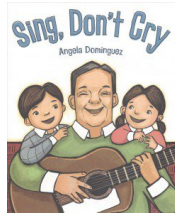
When's my birthday?

by Julie Fogliano
Children excitedly discuss the details of their upcoming birthdays.

Sing, Don't Cry

by Angela Dominguez

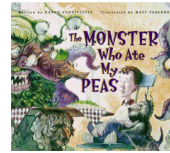
A loving Abuelo brings his guitar and memories on visits spent singing with his grandchildren in the face of good and bad times.



The Monster Who Ate My Peas

by Danny Schnitzlein

A young boy agrees to give a disgusting monster first his soccer ball, then his bike in return for eating the boy's peas, but when the monster asks for his puppy, the boy makes a surprising discovery.

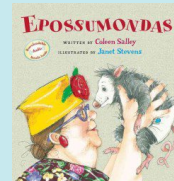


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by Coleen Salley

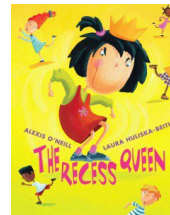
Mama and Auntie simply adore their pet possum, but they have to be careful what they say around him. Epossumondas takes everything way too literally.



The Recess Queen

by Alexis O'Neill

Mean Jean is the biggest bully on the school playground until a new girl arrives and challenges Jean's status as the Recess Queen.



The Soccer Mom From Outer Space

by Barney Saltzberg

When Ruben Drinkwater's mom showed up at a soccer game one day, an unexpected sight was seen by all as she turned into a

pickle-shaped alien right before their eyes as the excitement of the game was too much for her.



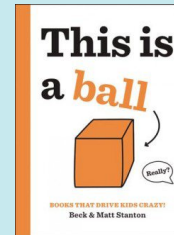
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Virginia Readers' Choice Nominees

2019-2020

Primary Nominees



This is a Ball!

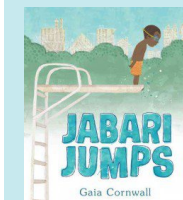
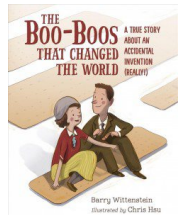
by Beck Stanton

A companion to Did You Take the B from My _ook? is designed for reading together and depicts a series of silly spreads that declare, through deadpan text, what is on a page that actually shows something else, inviting children to practice concept recognition skills in humorous ways.

The Boo-Boos That Changed the World

by Barry Wittenstein

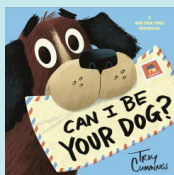
Earle Dickson's wife Josephine has a proclivity for injuring herself. Earle attaches cotton to long strips of adhesive tape, telling Josephine to cut off a length when he needs one. Since Earle works as a cotton buyer at Johnson & Johnson, he shares his idea. After a few false starts, the Band-Aid is developed and becomes a massive hit.



Jabari Jumps

by Gaia Cornwall

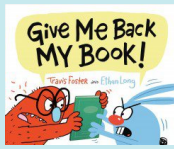
Ready to try jumping off the diving board, little Jabari stretches his muscles and squeezes his dad's hand when the big moment arrives.



Can I Be Your Dog?

by Troy Cummings

A dog looking for a home sends letters to prospective owners with surprising results.



Give Me Back My Book!

by Travis Foster

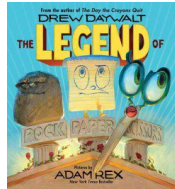
Two friends, Redd and Bloo argue over the possession of one special book with a green cover, hard cover, a nice spine, and pages turn from right to left--but unite when Bookworm walks off with it

2019 Award Winner

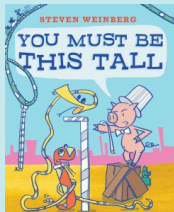
The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors

by Drew Daywalt

The award-winning author of The Day the Crayons Quit and the best-selling illustrator of Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich present a laugh-out-loud tribute to the fictional warriors who invented a classic childhood game.



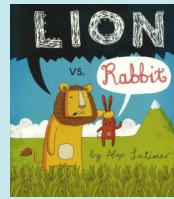
Other Past Winners



You Must Be This Tall

by Steven Weinberg

The story of two snake friends, Frank and Harold, who do everything together and want to ride the Rattler Roller Coaster. But one of them is not tall enough. What are these friends to do?



Lion vs. Rabbit

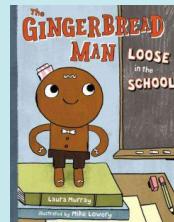
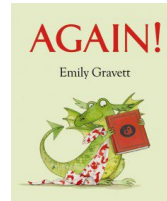
by Alex Latimer

"Lion is mean to everyone. When the other animals can't take his bullying anymore, they hire Rabbit to outsmart him"

Again!

by Emily Gravett

At bedtime, Cedric the little dragon wants his mother to read his favorite book again, and again, and again!



The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School

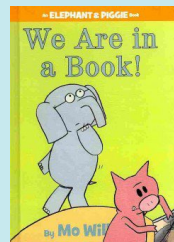
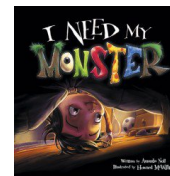
by Laura Murray

A gingerbread man searches all over the school for the group of children that made him and then left him behind.

I Need My Monster

by Amanda Noll

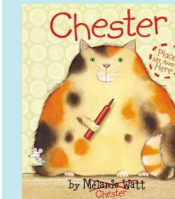
Checking under the bed for his monster, Ethan discovers that he is gone fishing for a week, and realizing he can't sleep without him tries to find a substitute monster.



We Are in a Book!

by Mo Willems

When Piggie discovers that she and Gerald are in a book and she can make the reader say a funny word out loud, Gerald is tickled pink. What happens when the story is over?



Chester

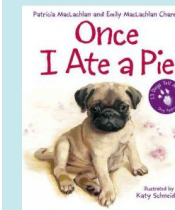
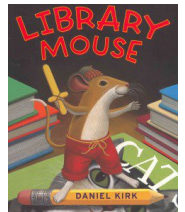
by Mélanie Watt

As the author/illustrator attempts to create a picture book about a mouse in a house, her rotund feline Chester sends the mouse packing and attempts to rewrite the story with his handy red marker.

Library Mouse

by Daniel Kirk

Sam is a mouse who lives in a library. He loves to read various kinds of books and he learns that he also loves to make up and write his own stories, just like the books he finds in the library. He begins to leave his stories in different parts of the library - the mystery he writes he places alongside the other mysteries.



Once I Ate a Pie

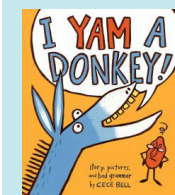
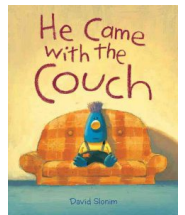
by Patricia MacLachlan

Thirteen dogs tell their stories in simple poems.

He Came With the Couch

by David Slonim

When Sophie's family finds the perfect couch, they find that it also comes with something extra that is impossible to remove.



I Yam a Donkey

by Cece Bell

Confusion abounds when a poorly spoken donkey says to a yam who happens to be a grammarian, "I Yam a Donkey!"